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Applicant: Xinnian Dong et al.

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Examiner: A. Nelson

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.191**

Applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 12, 2001 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-29, 36 and 40-42.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a petition to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for three months, to and including September 12, 2001.

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